

GREAT DEFICIT IS FACING THE NATION

anxiety Prevails in Washington With Reference to Panama Canal Affairs--Cromwell Attacked.

(Special Correspondence The Sun.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 1.—As the calendar year closes it is brought home to the Treasury Department and Congress that there has been a shrinkage of the national income. Since the fiscal year began on July 1 the nation has spent more than five millions dollars more than it has collected, and this is the showing for only six months of the year. The Secretary of the Treasury estimates that the deficiency will be one hundred and fourteen millions for the current fiscal year. Last year this deficit amounted to only fifty-eight millions, and the preceding year there was a surplus of forty millions. But from a financial point of view the worst part of the year is yet to come. No matter how hard the watch dogs of the Treasury in the House and the Senate may bay and growl and show their teeth, a raid is determined upon, and appropriation bills are piled up to swell, and indeed it will be a heavy economy to postpone river and harbor improvements, the canalization recommended by the President, and the convention on water transportation recently held in Washington. These and other national enterprises will cost millions, perhaps billions. They come high, but we must have them. They are economical necessities, and it is easy to figure that they will return the country a splendid interest on the investment. The Government will simply have to resort to other sources of taxation to raise funds for these improvements. A tax on bank checks and on deeds conveying real estate, on coffee and tea will only fill the national exchequer, and this should be added, as was the case during the Spanish war, of a dollar a barrel on beer, the nation will have enough to improve the waterways and the roads, to increase the army and navy, and to carry on without deficit the multifarious affairs of government.

There is evident anxiety at the White House with reference to the reported conditions on the Isthmus. It has been rumored for some time that the Gatun dam is a failure, and although these rumors have been repeatedly denied they persist, and the President has asked the President-elect to go to the Isthmus, taking at his disposal two warships and appointing six distinguished civil engineers to accompany him, is ground for foreboding with many in reference to the final success of this stupendous undertaking.

There was a one time unwritten law to the effect that new members of that body should be like children, seen but not heard, but the precedent has been shattered by a few roaring youngsters like La Follette, Beveridge and others that there was only a mild sensation last week when Senator Cummins of Iowa delivered his maiden speech on the subject of postal savings banks. The new Senator was not lauded, as he would have been in the old days, by speaking to empty benches or having to endure irrelevant interruptions, but held fairly large numbers of his colleagues in their places and was declared by them later to have acquitted himself like a veteran.

Representative Rainey of Illinois introduced a little sensationalism into the proceedings of the House by a speech in which he accused the President of a misstatement of facts in his message to Congress concerning the Panama canal in 1906, and an attack on Mr. Cromwell for his connection with affairs in Panama as General Counsel for the Panama Canal company. He closed his speech with a promise or a threat to finish Mr. Cromwell up at some later date, and said: "When I am through with this man Cromwell the President and the President-elect are welcome to all that is left of him." Mr. Rainey went on for four hundred years into the history of Panama, brought it up to date, and concluded with a prediction for the future in which the United States is to wreck itself on the same rocks which foundered the French ca-

nal scheme. Mr. Cromwell was characterized as the "Nation's despoiler," and he insinuated that the President-elect has been a party to schemes on the Isthmus which have been of profit to Mr. Cromwell, his personal friends and Charles P. Taft, his brother. Sensations have become so common in Congress of late that they have lost their edge, and so many have had a hand in the pastime of spanking the President that a charge against the President-elect is regarded as a mild affair.

An elderly white haired man who has spent the most productive part of his life on a sheep ranch in Montana, the benign Senator Carter of Montana, is responsible for the proposition to have a road about two hundred feet wide from the front door of the White House to the battle field of Gettysburg with spaces along it allotted to each State which will be called upon to erect groups of statuary or monuments suitable as a Lincoln memorial. The proposition sounds well. A national memorial to the great President is desirable, and such a highway might well embody the artistic and patriotic sentiment of the people, but carried out it might result in such another group of statuary horrors as may be seen in the rotunda of the capitol or in some of the squares of Washington. Nothing short of physical violence it seems can eradicate from the American mind the love of equestrian statues, and the thought of fifty miles of war heroes careering and cavorting on impossible horses is one to make the most stoical apprehensive. Of course the automobiles in New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington are charmed at the idea of a road surpassing that at Daytona for motor racing, but artists and architects are flooding their members in Congress with appeals to leave the decision about the adornment of the road to those who know something about art. Three propositions are before Congress for the construction of a proper memorial to Lincoln. One provides for the road to Gettysburg, another for a monument upon a location south of the Washington monument, and the third for a memorial arch or peristyle between the new union Station and the capitol. It has also been suggested that the capitol grounds be extended and a suitable monument be placed in them as a memorial. D. H. Burnham, the distinguished architect, has cabled from Europe that a peristyle and a monumental architectural treatment of the entrance way to the Capitol in no matter whose name it is erected is demanded by artistic requirements, and it would certainly seem to the lay mind a better solution of the disturbing problem than a half-buried statue on the river front, or even an imitation of an Apollon way to Gettysburg.

The President, who is not only the advocate of large families but also the friend of children, appeared twice last week at the convention which had for its object the betterment of the condition of dependent and orphan children in this country. In his speech of welcome to the delegates among whom were such widely-known philanthropists as Theodore Dreiser of New York, Judge Ben Lindsay of the juvenile court in Denver, Judge Julian Mack of Chicago, Miss Jane Addams of Hull House, and many others taking an active part in social betterment, the President expressed his deep interest in the work of looking out for the children and urged that "there can be no more important subject from the standpoint of the nation than that of taking care of the children."

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On February 21 there will be Sunday school at 10 a. m.; preaching at 11 a. m. and at 7 p. m. The Lord's Supper will be administered during the Sunday morning's service.

The public is cordially invited to attend these services. Those coming on Saturday, the 20th, will please bring well-filled baskets.

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T. L. Z. BARR, Pastor.

Melrose, Fla., Feb. 2, 1909.

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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Department of the Interior,
U. S. Land Office at Gainesville, Fla.,
December 8, 1908.
Notice is hereby given that Ed A. Henderson of Orange Springs, Florida, who on February 9, 1901, made Homestead Entry No. 33745 (Serial No. 01785), for Sec 4 of N 1/4 and N 1/4 of Sec 21, and S 1/4 of N 1/4 and N 1/4 of S 1/4 of Township 11 South, Range 23 East, Tallahassee Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final five-year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before the Register and Receiver at Gainesville, Florida, on the 4th day of February, 1909.
Claimant names as witnesses: Shelley McDormall of Orange Springs, Fla.; Solomon Williams of Orange Springs, Fla.; Frank Bartley, Jr., of Hawthorne, Fla.; J. W. Edwards of Hawthorne, Fla.
HENRY S. CHUBB, Register.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Department of the Interior,
U. S. Land Office at Gainesville, Fla.,
January 15, 1909.
Notice is hereby given that John G. Osteen of Donnie, Florida, who, on June 21, 1902, made Homestead Entry No. 31951 (Serial No. 01977), for N 1/4 of Sec 4, Township 10 South, Range 14 East, Tallahassee Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final five-year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before the Register and Receiver at Gainesville, Florida, on the 2nd day of March, 1909.
Claimant names as witnesses: C. W. Summers, W. J. Matthews, J. D. L. Pock, A. H. Hilliard, all of Donnie, Fla.
HENRY S. CHUBB, Register.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Department of the Interior,
U. S. Land Office at Gainesville, Fla.,
January 15, 1909.
Notice is hereby given that John B. Wilkerson of Wilcox, Florida, who on November 7, 1902, made Homestead Entry No. 31885 (Serial No. 01977), for N 1/4 of Sec 4, Township 10 South, Range 14 East, Tallahassee Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final five-year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before the Register and Receiver at Gainesville, Florida, on the 2nd day of March, 1909.
Claimant names as witnesses: Cornelius Colson, S. B. Mikel, B. F. Rucker, Jr., L. N. Martin, all of Wilcox, Florida.
HENRY S. CHUBB, Register.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Department of the Interior,
U. S. Land Office at Gainesville, Fla.,
January 15, 1909.
Notice is hereby given that Cornelius Colson of Wilcox, Florida, who on Sept. 23, 1902, made Homestead Entry No. 31770 (Serial No. 01955), for S 1/4 of Sec 4, Township 10 South, Range 14 East, Tallahassee Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final five-year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before the Register and Receiver at Gainesville, Florida, on the 2nd day of March, 1909.
Claimant names as witnesses: John D. Wilkerson, S. B. Mikel, B. F. Rucker, Jr., L. N. Martin, all of Wilcox, Florida.
HENRY S. CHUBB, Register.

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS.

All persons indebted to the estate of G. D. Younglove, deceased, are requested to pay same at once, and all creditors of the said estate are hereby notified to file their claims and present them to the Executor within six months from the first publication of this notice, otherwise the same will be pleaded in bar of said claims.
At Gainesville, Florida, this 21st day of December, A. D. 1908. ALICE V. YOUNGLOVE, As Executrix of the Last Will and Testament of G. D. Younglove, Deceased.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given to all creditors, legatees, distributees and all persons having claims or demands against the estate of Benjamin Bush, deceased, to present same to me within two years from this date. All persons owing said estate will please settle same with me at once.
WM. R. MCKINSTRY, Dec. 1, 1908. Executor Estate Benj. Bush.

NOTICE.

To All Whom It May Concern: Take notice that four weeks after the publication of this notice I shall apply to the Hon. J. T. Williams, Judge of the Eighth Judicial Circuit of Florida, and ask for an order allowing me to adopt Mary Fernseder Goyosa, a minor.
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